



MACOMB COUNTY 4-H SPECIAL AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Community Leader and Project Leaders meet to make nominations for all Special Award nominees. Members may request to be nominated.
2. Members can be nominated for Citizenship, Leadership, and Achievement but can be selected for only one. Nominees for these three areas complete the nomination form with the Leader completing Question 7.
3. Member's can also be nominated for Key Club, I Dare You, and Outstanding 4-H'er but can be selected for only one of these in addition to the Special Awards identified in Item 2 above. These forms are also completed by the nominee and Question 7 completed by the Leader.
4. Nominations for **Most Deserving 4-H'er are done by the Leader, not the nominee.** PLEASE READ AWARD DESCRIPTION!!
5. Members cannot be nominated in any Special Award area in which they have previously won. If you are in doubt about a member's status, please contact the 4-H office.
6. Members **must be 15 or older** by December 31 of this year.
7. Members must be nominated on an official county 4-H award form.
8. Award Nomination forms are **due to the county office NO LATER than November 1.**
9. Selections are made by the County Awards Committee. Presentations will be made at the Awards Recognition Program in January. All nominees are invited to attend.
10. Please type or print your award forms legibly. If more room is needed to complete an answer, please attach an additional sheet or retype form to allow for additional information.
11. If the Committee feels none of the nominees have met the criteria needed for an award, **NO AWARD WILL BE GIVEN.**
12. Special awards will be given to 1 male and 1 female for each award area.

SPECIAL AWARD DESCRIPTIONS:

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is designed to recognize the development of the member's leadership talents and work toward achievement of outstanding character and effective citizenship. The member should demonstrate a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and activities and their contribution to the family and their community living, and have developed an ability to instill in others a pride and respect for 4-H. Achievement should challenge the member to set goals, make decisions, accept responsibility and establish the basis for a highly productive life.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD is designed to help the member become aware of his or her relationship within and to the family, to peers, the state, nation, and world. The member should demonstrate an understanding of the importance of

participation in community issues and begin to acquire the life skills essential to being an effective citizen. The member should demonstrate the use of these life skills in dealing with issues which affect themselves and others, show respect for and responsiveness to needs, rights and responsibilities of others, and should demonstrate an insight into the principles, processes and structures of democracy and ways to participate effectively in the process.

LEADERSHIP AWARD is designed to help the member understand the roles, attitudes, tasks and functions necessary for effective leadership. The member should demonstrate the ability to help strengthen the local 4-H club by becoming involved in leadership responsibilities and encouraging other youth to do so. Nominees should demonstrate an ability to work with adults in leadership roles, participate in program planning, the development and implementation of programs, and assist in the recruitment of new members and leaders.

OUTSTANDING MACOMB COUNTY 4-H'ER – This award is for outstanding overall involvement in the 4-H program: leadership within the club, county activities and state programs. Nominees should demonstrate the ability to work well with both youth and adults, possess the ability to learn and implement life skills to be an effective citizen and have the ability to set goals and successfully follow through on them.

KEY CLUB AWARD is designed to recognize members for their leadership activities in 4-H. Nominees should have completed three (3) years in the 4-H program and participated in two (2) or more project areas. They should be an active teen leader and have participated in county and state events sponsored by the 4-H program.

I DARE YOU AWARD is provided by the American Youth Foundation to all counties in Michigan. Nominees must be 15 years of age by 12/31 of the current year. The award is in recognition of the member's excellence of character, balanced personal development (school, community, athletics, academic achievement, leadership qualities, general character, integrity, etc.) and demonstrates qualities of constructive leadership. The "I Dare You" Award challenges youth to work to their highest potential and to lead influential lives of service and good citizenship.

COMPLETED BY LEADERS ONLY:

MOST DESERVING 4-H'ER is designed to give special recognition to a 4-H member who has demonstrated dedication to their 4-H club, has been a hard worker, but who does NOT usually receive an award or special recognition for his or her efforts.

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MACOMB COUNTY 4-H SPECIAL AWARD NOMINEE FORM

CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: ACHIEVEMENT, CITIZENSHIP,
LEADERSHIP, I DARE YOU, and OUTSTANDING 4-H'ER

Award Area(s)_____

Member's Name_____ Age as of 12/31_____

Club Name_____

Number of years in 4-H (do not include years as Cloversprout)_____

Read the descriptive paragraph for the appropriate award area and respond to the following questions. This form must be submitted with the total club award nomination packet.

TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBER:

Using your Member Record Book –

1. List all projects taken that would contribute to your development in this award area. (Start with this year and use page 11 in your Member Record Book.)
2. Indicate what you have done in 4-H that would qualify you for this award. (Using 4-H participation and projects p.11 and your calendars of the Member Record Book as a guide.)

3. Indicate the leadership roles you have assumed at Local (L), County(C), District (D), State (S), or National (N) levels. (Use leadership activities p.17 of the Member Record Book as a guide.)
4. Indicate the leadership experience you have had as it applies to this award. ((Use citizenship and community service activities p. 15 of the Member Record Book as a guide.)
5. Using Achievements, Honors and Recognition of the Member Record Book as a guide, list those you have received that apply to this award.
6. Indicate what other community service, community activities, and leadership experiences you have had outside the 4-H program

TO BE COMPLETED BY LEADER:

1. To the best of your knowledge, why should this member receive this award?

RETURN THIS NOMINATION FORM TO THE CLUB LEADER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CLUB AWARDS NOMINATION PACKET. THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED SEPARATELY.

Member's signature

Date

Leader's Signature

Date

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LEADER COMPLETES:

Number of years in 4-H (do not include Cloversprout)_____

3. What type of leadership has this member demonstrated with other club members?

4. What personal growth have you seen in this member as a result of involvement in his/her 4-H club?

5. Other comments or information that would help the Awards Committee in making the decision for "Most Deserving" 4-H'er?

Leader's Signature

Date_____

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